

Small Group Discussion Questions Marlboro County

What is occurring in your community which addresses these responsibilities and areas for action?

- CDEP vs. EIA funding
- Full day programs
- Expanding parenting programs
- Developmentally delayed classes
- Baby net and doctors office's referrals
- 1st steps
- PAT certification
- Monitoring growth thru MAP
- Expanding career (CATE)
- Stronger collaboration w/colleges and universities
- Most of students are enrolled in pre K
- All schools received Ruby Payne training
- Parenting programs at each school (parent coordinators)
- Started teacher incentive awards at some schools
- Magic Johnson Program Civic Center
- Achievement GAP 2003-04 17 of 22 issues addressed
- Transition of students – school to school, 9th grade academy
- Parenting coordinators in each school (Educators)
- Teacher mentoring program has increased teacher retention
- Bond referendum to improve facilities across district – came from achievement GAP Committee
- Educational partnerships with industries (ie - Oak River)
- Full day 4yr old program
- Not every student's needs are being met(family, funds, health, economics)
- ESOL Program, Ruby Payne training
- Faith – based community
- Business Partnership Relationship
- Pre K Initiative/ Head Start
- Recreation Department
- Higher Education
- Northeastern Tech (local satellite)
- Magic Johnson Initiative
- High School students enrolled in college courses
- Active in supporting the March of Dimes, Relay for Life, American Red Cross

What are the critical barriers to fulfilling the commitment in your community?

- Funds
- Facilities-technology, mold/mildew (health issues)
- Buses
- Lack of parent involvement/ enthusiasm
- Doing what's right for all children is not top priority for everyone
- Lack of highly qualified teachers/ staff
- Too many substitute teachers in the classroom
- People/ businesses aren't attracted to our area
- Aging facilities
- Distrust by community
- Demographics
- Poverty
- Literacy
- Drugs and gang action
- Health care
- Lack of trust
- Parental involvement
- Transportation
- Child care
- Parental involvement and support of schools
- Misunderstanding / Ineffective communication among community
- Community lacks passion for learning
- Lack of collaborative effort among agencies
- Shortage of faith – based commitment
- Politicizing education
- Lack of identity of teachers and administrators in community
- Community involvement
- Time factor
- Inability to retain best teachers in profession
- recruitment process
- being understood
- University training
- Human Resources (parents, qualified leaders
- literacy
- educational resources (accessible public library)
- Lack of collaboration between local government/ business/ educational leaders

List the five most important things your community can do to address the responsibilities of Common Ground.

- Develop trust (all stakeholders)
- More collaboration among parents, businesses
- Develop better lines of communication
- Early intervention for children
- Develop after school care- community involvement
- Improve housing
- Improve salaries
- Improve recreation
- Road system for industry
- Recruit more parents in adult education
- Improve health care
- Expose students to opportunities to increase their vision.
- Positive communication
- Public relations
- Celebrate successes
- Educate the community
- More volunteer human resources
- Community involvement
- Interaction (dialogue)
- Listen
- Community center – schools
- Work with business and business partners civic organizations
- High school – rotary involvement
- Develop Common Ground Committee- on going locally to continue this process
- Use community mentors / volunteers with at – risk students
- Go to school
- Community/school develop a program for drop-outs, at-risk students
- Work collaboratively with businesses, local government, and educational leaders to bring industry economic development
- Provide facilities that are conducive to learning
- Bring out of school educational activities to the community for example: cultural arts, basic skills activities, learning centers for parents

List the five most important things you as an individual can do to address the responsibilities of Common Ground.

- Tutorial programs in local churches
- Be advocate for PUBLIC EDUCATION
- Renew our commitment to public education
- Everyone be positive
- Be willing to give of our time
- Be an advocate for each student
- Be involved
- Go to meetings(school)
- Urge parents to attend/ provide transportation
- Participate where possible be
- Be visible (all sides)
- Develop trust
- Support efforts to improve education!